

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-13, filed May 28, 2008 with respect to claims 1-17 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-17 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 5, 9, 11-13, 16, 18-30 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's arguments w/r to the claims as now amended are persuasive. Re claim 9, the prior art of record does not anticipate or render obvious the "method for enhancing a life of a scan device" as claimed. Especially, the limitations of "randomly selecting and turning on the first lamp of the plurality of lamps".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELBERT TSANG whose telephone number is (571)270-3748. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark K. Zimmerman can be reached on (571) 272-7653. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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